Out of 89 cases where action was to be taken by BCCL, action has been completed in 80 cases. The break-up of action taken is given below :

Removed from service	:	3
Demoted	:	13
Reduced to lower stage	:	8
Increment stopped	:	8
Censured	:	2
Warned	:	7
Cautioned	:	2
Exonerated/dropped	:	37
Total	:	80

(c) BCCL has given the following status of the cases pending against the balance 9 executives :

Inquiry completed and report referred to Coal India Limited for advice	:	1
Subjudice	:	1
Inquiry completed and report under examination	:	1
Inquiry in progress	:	6
Total		9

(d) No time frame has been stipulated in the R.N. Mishra Committee Report for completion of action.

(e) to (g). The disciplinary proceedings are quesi-judicial in nature and completion of the proceedings depends on several factors. However, Minister of Coal and CIL keep watch on early finanlisation of the pending cases.

[English]

Investment by Pepsi

5773. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pepsi Co. propose to invest Rs. 500 crores in India to augment its core and export business;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of people employed by the above company and the number of more people likely to be employed after the above investment is made ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. M/s. Pepsi Co. Inc. has been allowed to invest US $ 255 million to promote exports projects and fruit juice manufacturing capacities etc.

(c) As per information furnished by the company, they are currently providing direct and indirect employment to over 35,000 people. In addition they provide substantial employment to small artisans, painters and small business people helping them in market place activities.

[Translation]

Longwall Technique for Production of Coal

5774. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have introduced longwall technique for the production of coal in the country;

(b) if so, since when the said technique has been introduced in the country and coal institutions by which it was introduced;

(c) whether any expert opinion was also taken regarding its utility in Indian circumstances before taking a decision for its use;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total amount spent for using the technique; and

(e) the additional coal likely to be produced by the use of the technique ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Coal India Ltd. (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) have introduced longwall technology in some of their underground mines.

(b) After the Nationalisation of the Coal Industry, conventional longwall enquipment was introduced in 1976 in CIL. In SCCL the longwall technology was introduced in 1983.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The feasibility of application of longwall technology in Indian conditions was examined by experts under the aegis of the British Overseas Development Agency. CIL have procured 17 Powered Support Longwall face equipment for its different subsidiary companies and the total amount spent for procurement of these equipment is Rs. 307.42 crores. In SCCL, 9 longwall faces have been arranged with an investment of Rs. 403.38 crores.

(e) 8 powered support longwall faces at present in operation in CIL mines have a capacity of 15,470 tonnes per day. The capacity of the 9 longwall faces in SCCL is 18,560 tonnes per day.

[English]

Export of FCV Tobacco

5775. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH :
SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the demand for Indian tobacco has been increasing in the World;